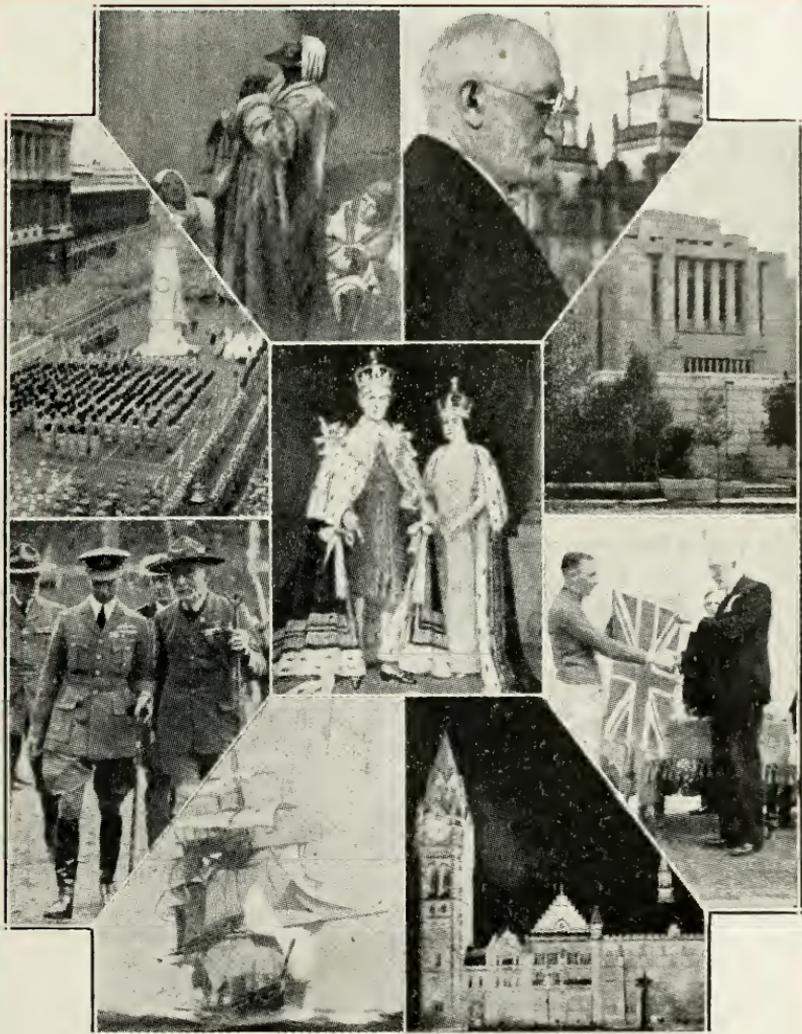


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*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.—Mark 16: 15*

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## **THIS WEEK'S COVER—**

With the title, "Panorama of 1937," this week's cover presents a composite of *Star* covers portraying some of the major events of the past year. The year will long be remembered as the Coronation year of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, featured in the centre of the picture, in their Coronation robes.

Reading from the top right hand corner and going clockwise, the other pictures show President Heber J. Grant, as he appeared in the *March of Time* film; the Canadian Temple, visited by Canada's Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir; President Grant receiving a Union Jack at the Centennial; the Rochdale Town Hall, where Centennial Conference sessions were held; the cover of the Centennial number of the *Millennial Star*; King George VI and Lord Baden-Powell, representing the World Boy Scout Jamboree in Holland; Armistice Day at the Cenotaph; and the cover of our Christmas number, entitled, "The Shepherds Hear the Glad Tidings."

## THE FIFTH DIMENSION OF LIFE

BY ELDER NEPHI JENSEN



A FEW Sundays ago I attended one of the sessions of our quarterly conference. It was a fine inspirational session. The outstanding feature was a short talk by a young man who had just returned from a mission. This young man gave an interesting and impressive report of his missionary labours in Norway.

In the usual fine spirit of sincerity and humility that characterizes the returned missionary he spoke feelingly of the exquisite joy he had in doing the noblest thing in the world—ennobling human lives. He talked most enthusiastically of the things of eternal beauty, goodness and truth. He spoke of these eternal realities as if they were the only vital and consequential things in the world.

As he stood erect before that fine audience, he was, in attitude and spirit, the personification of the beauty and purity, the nobility of sincerity, the majesty of meekness and the loyalty of love. He closed his short, fervent talk with an earnest testimony of the truth. Out of a heart that really felt and knew he said:

“I know that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God. I know that this Church is the true Church of Christ.”

His fervent testimony touched my heart and impressed me profoundly as it did scores of older people in the audience. While I was still under the charm of his beautiful spirit, I was led to think that I was witnessing something quite outstanding. I asked myself, “What is there about this fine young man that makes him so distinctive? What has come into his life that has awakened in his heart a deathless love of the things of purity and nobility?”

This young man had found in the missionary field a new kind of life—the fifth dimension of life. He had developed the fifth and highest dimension of culture. What is this fifth dimension of culture?

In order to answer this question intelligently, it will be necessary to think briefly of other types of human development. Possibly the highest standard of life developed on this globe by purely human agencies was the culture of the ancient Greeks. They built up a splendid four-fold culture. Their four-fold culture was built upon the physical and intellectual, the ethical and artistic.

The Greeks gloried in the sound, healthy human body. They reduced the principle of physical culture to almost a perfect science. They exalted the intellect. They produced some of the cleverest, deepest and noblest things of all time. Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, is still regarded as one of the noblest minds that ever wrought and taught. The Greeks

were the first to formulate the rules of conduct into a science—the science of ethics. Plato gave a fundamental and comprehensive outline of the rules of behaviour in four words—temperance, courage, justice and prudence.

Nor did the Greeks neglect the artistic side of life. They were passionately enamoured with the beautiful in nature and in art. Homer, the Greek poet, is still regarded as one of the world's greatest literary craftsmen. His poetry is placed beside that of the great Shakespeare.

Plato crystalized into a simple sentence the highest ideal of Greek aspiration and striving. He said, "That which is most beautiful is most desirable." This is almost a perfect ideal of life.

But the Greek culture was purely human. It was built on a human foundation and patterned after human standards. The spirit that motivated its builders was purely human. The Greeks knew nothing about that fine Spirit which comes from God, that purifies the heart, chastens the affections, exalts the mind, and glorifies all sides of life. They knew nothing of the fifth dimension of life. They knew nothing of the spiritual. It was left for the simple Galileean teacher to bring to man the means of attaining the finest development of mind, heart and spirit. Shortly after He entered His ministry He gave a comprehensive statement of what He had come to do for man in this World. He said, "I came that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."



Joseph Smith

*He brought to the world  
a priceless gift.*

What is this abundant life? It is the life of life—the life of God. It is the intensified life, awakened in the soul by the quickening and transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Before Jesus left His disciples, He sought to comfort them by giving them assurance of guidance for the future. He said, "I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever." And in speaking of the distinctive mission of this Comforter, He said, "He shall guide you into all truth and teach you all things."

This Spirit of truth was the distinctive thing that Jesus left with His followers for their training, their instruction, and finest development.

From the scriptures we learn a number of interesting things about the meaning of the spiritual life. In the writings of Alma we read of some people who had departed from the faith and who had been re-claimed. Of them we are told that when they were born of the spirit they were "awakened" and "illuminated."

In the account of the baptism of Adam, we learn a still deeper truth concerning the spiritual dimension of life. We are told that when he came up out of the water the Spirit of God descended on him and he was born of the spirit and quickened of the inner man; thus he became a son of God; and thus may we all become sons of God.

But there is even a deeper and more vital meaning to spiritual life than enlightenment and quickening. Of the preaching of King Benjamin, we are told that when he concluded his earnest discourse, he desired to know how his audience had reacted to what they had heard. He sent men out into the congregation to make inquiry as to whether the people believed what they heard. The people replied:

Yea, we believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually.

Here is a most remarkable account of the most marvellous transformation of human nature. These people were so completely changed, transformed, that all evil designs were purged out of their souls and there was left in their hearts only the pure gold of holy aspiration. This is the most amazing thing that ever takes place in the human soul. It represents the highest aspect of the spiritualization of life. It represents the change from the carnal to the spiritual.

Those who have been enlightened by the light of the Holy Ghost so that they can see the majesty of divine purposes, have attained to the fifth dimension of life. They have attained the highest aspect of culture—the noblest thing man can attain to in this world.

**H**ow do we attain this life of life? This is the question of all questions pertaining to the vital meaning of religion. We obtain this priceless development in the same way that the young missionary to whom I have referred obtained it. There is no other way.

This young man was sent out to do the noblest task man is called upon to do—the task of ennobling mankind. Soon after he entered upon this exalting labour, he found that the task assigned to him was a most serious undertaking. He became profoundly impressed with the magnitude of his calling. He was humble in his soul and led to think earnestly and persistently about the deeper realities of life and eternity. He commenced to read about these eternal verities. The books of books—the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price—became his daily companions.

This intensified reading of the scriptures was one of the fundamental factors in his spiritual education. But there were others. The profound consciousness that he was engaged in a divine task completely humbled him and made him feel the need of divine assistance. This was the most vital discovery he made. The sense of the need of God sent him into the laboratory of the Spirit—the laboratory of prayer, worship and spiritual communion. In this most vital of all laboratories, he so completely purified his heart and cleansed

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## TOBACCO FRIEND OR FOE ?

*By Elder Walter Jay Eldredge, Jr.*

**R**ECENTLY in conversation with a habitually smoking young man, the pro and con of tobacco use was aired. His parting remark was to this effect, "I smoke . . . You do not. To-day if we engaged in a foot race we would probably cross the finish line together in a tie. In the next thirty years I will no doubt continue the use of tobacco, and you will abstain. At the end of this thirty year period we will run another foot race, and you will no doubt beat me by two yards. *SO WHAT?*"

This slang vernacular well expresses the general unwillingness of young tobacco users to face the problem squarely. Is tobacco injurious to me? Young people in the halls of learning to-day pride themselves upon being logical and unprejudiced thinkers. Surely it isn't wisdom to ignore the fact that the majority of smokers admit the habit is injurious to them, and has created within them an appetite for tobacco that must be satisfied almost before the necessities of food, clothing and shelter.

A European doctor in experimenting with over a thousand habitually smoking mothers found that just under one half of the babies born to these mothers died before they reached six years of age, and slightly under one half of those who survived were not entirely normal as to physical and mental defects. True, the women used in this experiment were no doubt weakened by several generations of tobacco use and moral laxity, but it does vividly reveal tobacco's effect in degrading and degenerating the human race. Can we shrug our shoulders at these things?

Are we "square shooting thinkers" when we ignore the clever, but intellectually dishonest advertising of the tobacco companies? The testimonies of millions of users refute the highly rewarded testimonies of professional athletes, actors, and society women who maintain that smoking gives them a lift, aids digestion, or soothes the nerves. The true worth of tobacco is revealed by the costly advertising of the tobacco companies themselves. Surely if they were convinced that tobacco was beneficial they would not have to adopt such phrases as—this particular brand is less injurious to your throat, or this particular brand will not affect your nerves as the others do.

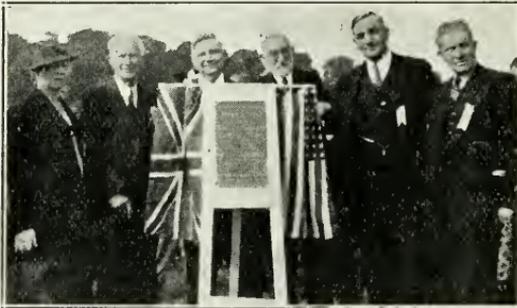
Among those reading this article are many young men and women who do not use tobacco, and know within their hearts that in so doing, they are better off. However, these same individuals in their daily contacts at school or in business are constantly being faced with this problem. Should they follow the crowd; should they be one with the crowd and use tobacco; or should they, if necessary, stand alone for what they know to be true. *That tobacco is not good for man.*

## A BACKWARD GLANCE AT 1937

By Elder Parry D. Sorensen

AS we tear the last leaf from the calendar and look forward to the beginning of another new year, it might be well to make a backward glance at 1937 and its multitude of events. On the international horizon we see strife and conflict among nations assuming greater stature than at the first of the year. Within nations themselves, many significant movements have taken place. Improved economic conditions have been almost universal throughout the world.

The Church, too, has seen an active year, and continual progress, ever the watchword of the restored Gospel, has been everywhere apparent. Nowhere has such progress been more apparent than in the British Mission during its Centennial year. Certainly no year in modern times has seen greater activity in this part of the Lord's vineyard.



**Unveiling of the River Ribble Plaque \***

*It commemorates the first baptisms.*

Foremost in 1937's history is the Centennial celebration and the visitors it brought, headed by Presidents Heber J. Grant and J. Reuben Clark, Jr. It was the first time in a century of Mormonism in Britain that two members of the First Presidency had paid simultaneous visits. Others in attendance at the celebration included Elder George D. Pyper, Superintendent of Sunday Schools, Y.W.

M.I.A. President Ruth May Fox, her two counsellors, Sisters Lucy Grant Cannon and Clarissa A. Beesley, plus three General Board members, Sisters Rose Wallace Bennet, Laura P. Nicholson, and Vida Fox Clawson.

During four unforgettable days Church officials, missionaries, members and friends joined in paying honour to those who first brought the Gospel message to these shores, to the thousands who have followed since, and to the multitudes who have accepted Mormonism since 1837. On the banks of the River Ribble, scene of the first baptisms, the opening services of the Centenary celebration were held and a plaque commemorating the baptisms was unveiled there. The riverside services were preceded by a pilgrimage to many historic spots in the city of Preston, where the Gospel was first preached.

The following three days of the conference were spent in nearby Rochdale, with many inspirational meetings, a pageant,

\* Left to right, President Ruth May Fox, Superintendent George D. Pyper, President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., President Heber J. Grant, President Richard R. Lyman, and President Hugh B. Brown.

and sports meet providing a full programme for those days.

Prior to the Centennial, President Grant dedicated seven recently built or acquired chapels in the Mission, located at Liverpool, Burnley, Bradford, North London, Southwest London, Merthyr Tydfil, and Rochdale. These chapels are an excellent indication of the Church's progress during 1937 and presage continued activity in the same direction for the coming year.

An appropriate prelude to the Centennial and visit of Presidents Grant and Clark was the *March of Time* film, portraying the Church Security programme in action. More than thirteen hundred cinemas in the British Isles showed the *March of Time* during summer months.



North London Chapel

One of seven dedicated during 1937.

Upon invitation of Mr. George Lansbury, President Richard R. Lyman addressed the World Fellowship of Faiths, meeting at Whitefields Institute, on the subject, "The Mormon Missionary System as a Factor in World Peace."

Leadership of the British Mission changed hands when President Joseph J. Cannon, who had presided for almost three years, was honourably released, and succeeded by President Hugh B. Brown. President Cannon was honoured by being named first assistant general superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association. Later he was appointed to preside over the Temple Square Mission in Salt Lake City.

That missionary activity has increased during 1937 is indicated by the fact that there are almost fifty more missionaries now in the field than there were at the beginning of the year.

On at least three occasions, Mormon missionaries have taken part in programmes of the British Broadcasting Corporation. The first was a Northern Regional Programme from Manchester, sung by the Millennial Chorus, who also sang twice during 1936 from Dublin and Belfast. The other two broadcasts were commentaries of basketball matches in which missionaries played.

Besides basketball, baseball continued to be a friend-making activity for the Church. The missionary team at Rochdale,  
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EDITORIAL

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**A NEW YEAR'S GREETING**

Another annual eventide and we sit in retrospect. We remember many things for which we are thankful. We've all had blessings, some of them in spite of, rather than because of, our actions. We remember, too, some mistakes which we made, remember them only as a warning for the future.

But let us turn our faces toward the dawn of a new year. What may it hold for us? Let us turn from reminiscence unto prophecy; the kind that depends on us to make it come true. May the year be sweetened by—



President Brown

**GRATITUDE**—Let us be thankful for all blessings which come to us, and show our gratitude by living worthily. Let us be grateful for health, for friends who understand us and for the common comforts of life; for our heritage and the great work done by those who went before us. Let us conserve the best they left to us and build on that best. May our appraisal of their work and sacrifice result in—

**HUMILITY** — Remembering the lessons which life has taught, let us be ever mindful of our limitations, making sure that our feet are on the ground, though our eyes may be fixed on the stars; willing to give credit to the Master for any success which may come to us and not esteem ourselves

above our brother. With the spirit of "Thy Will" guiding us we'll go forward with—

**OPTIMISM**—We shall be concerned only that our actions warrant His friendship. We'll not mortgage the future and pay interest on troubles which may never come. We'll pray for keener vision to pierce the clouds and see the sunshine. May we realize that too much sunshine made the desert and not ask for fair weather all the time. This optimism will give us—

**COURAGE**—Remembering how He gave us strength equal to

the burdens of the past, we will not fear the future. We shall continue to believe that back of the design there is a designer, back of the created, a creator. We'll trust that Creator, confident that His plan will succeed; we'll be unafraid to travel. Though our torch may "light our pathway but one step ahead," we'll take that step and fear not. Well keep a—

**SENSE OF HUMOUR**—Knowing from experience that human contacts create friction, we'll carry the oil of humour and not allow old friendships to wear out for lack of lubrication. We'll go forward with a smile, believing in a happy and triumphant future. We'll enrich our lives with—

**TEMPERANCE**—Be moderate in all things and refrain from that which is forbidden. Seeking the power to say "behind me," we'll gain health, happiness and liberty through self mastery and obedience to the law; never condemning others for their weaknesses while we ourselves are imperfect, nor casting a stone until we can qualify under His divine rule "He that is without sin." So let our temperance be combined with charity for those whose habits have weakened their will. May our observance of the law never be coloured by the dye of "holier than thou." Then our temperance will lead to—



Sister Brown

**PATIENCE** — Remembering that God does not measure time by man's calendar, that He is not in a hurry, we'll abide His time with assurance that eventually right will prevail. We'll plant acorns of love and watch the slow-growing oaks until time shall prove again that the law of the harvest is inexorable. And to this patient faith we'll add—

**DILIGENCE**—Faith without work is barren. The only thing He ever cursed was the barren fig tree. This is a challenge to us to be fruitful. No passive virtue ours, but charged with

virility, valour added to our vision. We'll ask for blessings, but will first obey the laws upon which they are predicated. May we know the joy of work, have work to do and a will to do it. Observing the new commandment we must—

**LOVE**—We'll show our love of God by the way we treat our fellow men, not only loving those who return our love, but enlarging the circle to include our enemies.

This new year will find us grateful, humble, hopeful, fearless, happy, temperate, patient, diligent, charitable, and with the love of God and fellow men we'll have a more abundant life throughout the year.

To you our fellow workers we send greetings, love and blessings. May you all have health and the kind of prosperity which is real. May He who is responsible for our being, guide all of us, until one year from now we shall sit again in retrospect, in prospect, in reminiscence and in prophecy.

—HUGH B. BROWN

—ZINA C. BROWN

## APOSTASY

*By Elder Charles W. Penrose*

**T**HAT there has been a great departure from the doctrines, ordinances and discipline of the Church as it existed in the days of Christ and His Apostles, must be evident to every unbiased enquirer into religious truth. The proofs are ample that it has been universal.

When Jesus Christ commenced His ministry on earth He found the people who claimed to be the special subjects of divine blessing and approbation, with all their priests and ministers and learned divines, entirely out of the way of life and salvation. He denounced the most pious, respectable, devout and educated among them as hypocrites and "whited sepulchres." The Spirit of the Lord had departed from those who honoured His name with their lips, but who had departed from His ways, and who, in place of the word of God, "taught for doctrine the commandments of men." They were without authority from God, although they claimed to have it by descent and ordination through a long line of predecessors and prophets. It should not be deemed impossible that a similar universal apostasy could take place after the establishment of the Church of Christ by Him and His Apostles. But whether so considered or not, the facts are too patent to be denied when they confront the honest and enlightened mind.

It has been shown that the Gospel as taught and administered by Christ and His Apostles required, first, faith in God and Jesus Christ; second, repentance, which included reform of conduct; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, the reception of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands of divinely authorized men; and that obedience to these brought the gifts of the Spirit, including love, joy, peace, patience, brotherly kindness, charity, healings, tongues, interpretations, discerning of spirits, miracles, prophecy, revelation, and the unity in one body of all who were baptized into the Church, no matter what had been their previous beliefs. Also that the ordinances of the Gospel were administered by men inspired of God who were in communion with Him, and who were ordained to act for and in behalf of Deity, so that what they performed by that authority on earth was acknowledged and sealed in heaven. And that in the Church of Christ there were apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, elders, and other officers, who were constituent parts of the body of Christ.

Look at the condition of so-called Christendom to-day! There are no inspired apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, administering by divine authority and in power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. In their place there are contending priests and teachers guided by the wisdom of men, the learning of the schools and the traditions of the fathers, not even claiming that there is any direct communication between them and God, but persuading mankind that revelation has ceased, and the voice of prophecy is hushed



showing that the Spirit of the Lord promoted union and led people to the knowledge of the truth, while dissension and strife came from the Evil one, and led to darkness and death.

That the great apostasy commenced at a very early period is shown by the words of Paul, "for the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let until he be taken out of the way." (II Thessalonians 2: 7) By the time the Apostles were taken out of the way, most of them slain by the hands of wicked men, the apostasy had assumed such proportions that only seven of the Churches were deemed worthy of divine communication through the Apostle John, who had been banished to the Island of Patmos. And in that revelation most of them were denounced by the Lord because they had "left their first love," and were commanded to repent or He would remove them out of their place. Some of them were "neither cold nor hot," others had given way to seducing spirits, and had committed abominations and imbibed false doctrines. (See Revelations, chapters 1, 2, and 3)

**I**t is clear from these predictions in the New Testament, and others that might be cited, that the departure from the purity, simplicity, and unity of the Gospel of Christ was to be universal; and that these prophecies were fulfilled we have the testimony of the Church of England. In her Homily on the Perils of Idolatry she declares: "Clergy and laity, learned and unlearned, men, women and children, of all ages, sects and degrees, of whole Christendom, a most horrible and dreadful thing to think, have been at once buried in the most abominable idolatry, and that for eight hundred years or more." That being true, how is it possible to believe that the Church of Christ had any existence on earth after that long continued darkness and apostasy? How could there be any remnant left of the divine authority held by the Apostles and Priesthood of the original Christian Church? If the Romish Church, from which the Church of England seceded, had no divine authority, then the Church of England could have none, for all she had she obtained from that Church. If the Romish Church possessed that authority, still the Church of England could have none, for Rome excommunicated her with all her priests and ministers. The Church of England being without divine authority, all the various contending sects that have sprung from her are of necessity in a similar condition, for none of them even claims to have received any revelation from God restoring that authority and re-establishing the Church of Christ.

Good men, learned men, devout men, there have been by millions; noble, pious, and blessed women also, with them, have done the best they could according to their light and opportunities; but darkness "has covered the earth and gross darkness the people," and apostasy from primitive Christianity, as foretold by its founders, has been awful and universal. But, thank God, the restoration was also predicted, and it will be a pleasing task in further articles to set this forth, as revealed and brought about by revelation from God the Eternal Father, through Jesus Christ His Son and the Holy Angels sent from their presence, to usher in the last and greatest of all dispensations.

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his mind that the white light of the Holy Ghost commenced to shine into his soul. His soul was illuminated and enlightened; and he commenced to see the majesty and glory of divine purposes in the world.

Before he concluded his missionary work, his soul was so completely transformed, sanctified and purified that there was left in his heart as the most dominant thing in his soul, the stirring, noble desire to enlighten and uplift all of mankind.

This fifth dimension of life was the most distinctive thing that the Divine Master gave His followers for the exaltation of their lives. The Greek philosophers gave their followers wisdom—splendidly formulated concepts of human behaviour and development. But they did not and could not give them any purifying and sanctifying power. The Divine Master gave His followers something more than wisdom. He gave them the Spirit of Truth—the Spirit that awakens the soul and makes it alive to the beautiful, the good and the true.

But this Spirit of Truth was lost to the world during the dark night of the Middle Ages. It was left for Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet to bring back to the world this priceless gift. The Mormon Prophet caught from the Heavens the white light of the Holy Ghost and caused it to shine through purified human souls; and out of these sanctified souls was reflected all of the qualities of moral greatness and all the graces of spiritual grandeur.

This fifth dimension of life is our most priceless heritage. It is the hardest thing to get and the easiest thing to lose. It is our all in all.

My serene Spirit-Kindled light  
 Safely guards and guides my feet  
 Through storm and gloom at noon and night  
 Along Life's dark and treacherous street.

My ever-glowing inner flame  
 Gives me a glimpse of Truth's high goal;  
 Evokes the joy too deep to name  
 And brings the rest that rests the soul.

My precious gift of Heaven's life,  
 Mingling pure love with peace and light,  
 Stirs my soul with the glory rife  
 Of deathless reign of truth and right.

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known as the Rochdale Greys, won the North of England Cup, and other teams of missionaries and M Men won local honours and trophies.

The foregoing are a few highlights of the Mission's 1937 history. Although unable to tell what the future holds in store, members of the restored Church look forward with confidence, knowing full well the import of the promise, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**APPOINTED** as chairman of the powerful Labour Committee of the United States Senate was Elder



**Elder Thomas**

Elbert D. Thomas, United States Senator from Utah. Senator Thomas succeeds as Chairman Mr. Hugo L. Black, who was last summer appointed a member of the Supreme Court. Besides being chairman of the Labour Committee, Elder Thomas is a member of the Education and Foreign Affairs committees of the Senate. For the past two summers he has been a delegate to the Inter-parliamentary Union sessions in Budapest and Paris, and with Sister Thomas has visited Britain on both occasions. For five years (1907-12) Elder Thomas presided over the Japanese Mission of the Church and at present is a member of the Sunday School General Board.

**TRACKS** believed worn into the earth by wagon wheels of the Mormon Pioneers have recently been found in virgin timber in the state of Iowa. The grooves are vague under the sod of a century, but the route they follow checks with records obtained from Church headquarters in Salt Lake City. Nearly 500 wagons made up the caravan which journeyed across Iowa in the winter and spring of 1846 after the Church members had been driven from their homes in Nauvoo, Illinois. Numerous campsites and graves have also been found along the trail.

**ELECTED PRESIDENT** of the American National Association of Postmasters was Elder I. A. Smoot. The honour came to Elder Smoot at the 37th annual convention of

the Association in San Francisco, California. More than 2,000 delegates who represented 40,000 postmasters and 340,000 employes took part in the voting. Elder Smoot formerly laboured as a travelling missionary in Great Britain and at present is a member of the High Council of Highland Stake and a tourist guide on Temple Square, in Salt Lake City.

**COMMENDATION** for the manner in which the Church is seeking to care for its needy members through the Church Security Programme is contained in a letter to the editor, and published in the *New York Sun* for December 1st, from Robert Macadie of San Diego, California. The communication reads in part, "while I'm no Mormon, I congratulate President Heber J. Grant and his colleagues at Salt Lake City on their ability and courage in being as 'queer' and peculiar' as Christ and His apostles were nineteen centuries ago. Taking over the care of 80,000 needy brethren is no small enterprise . . . but it is being done and under the leadership of a man of four-score years."

**EIGHTY-SEVEN** years of age on December 11th, Elder Andrew Jensen, assistant Church historian, was the recipient of congratulations and well-wishers on the anniversary. Despite his advanced years, Elder Jensen still spends each day at his office. During the past half century the veteran historian has travelled nearly a million miles compiling Church history, including 10 separate missions, during which he has crossed the Atlantic 13 times. Elder Jensen has visited every mission of the Church except the South African Mission. He has also compiled 850 volumes of manuscript history of the Church, each ranging from 300 to 1,800 pages, edited six volumes of L.D.S. Biographical History, two editions of Church chronology and four of the Historical records.

## OF CURRENT INTEREST

**A MONOLITH** has recently been discovered in the Fiji Islands on which are engraved writings indicating the possibility of a civilization which has now disappeared. Swastika-like symbols, some as big as windows, are carved four inches deep in the face of a 40-ton monolith apparently hewn by human hands from an immense boulder. While there is nothing found in the South Seas to explain the skill or tools which cut this monolith, it fills in an archeological trail running half way across the Pacific Ocean from Malaya toward the Panama Canal. The discovery was made by Bruce and Sheridan Fahnestock, of Manhasset, New York. They were led to the great stone by a native legend of two islands, one of which had a written language, which was lost when heavy monoliths bearing the carved characters were transported by canoes to the other island. The canoes were overloaded and capsized. There is today no known written native language in the Fijis, according to the Fahnestocks.

**HEAVY DRINKERS** usually shorten their lives by six and a half years, according to a recent article in *Fact Digest*. It continues to show that the moderate drinker lives about four years less than the person who does not use alcohol, and points out that not only is life shorter for drinkers, but users of alcohol are sick three times as often as non-drinkers, and their illnesses last two and a half times as long.

**STARS** that shone over Bethlehem at the time of the Nativity are being reproduced in a Christmas pageant at the Hayden Planetarium in New York. An unusual dramatization of the story of the shepherds and the Maji is presented in a setting of astronomical material relative to the Star of Bethlehem. The spectator is taken to Palestine in the year of the birth of the Saviour. He is shown heavenly phenomena which may have caused the brilliant flare of the Eastern Star. Then is projected a triple conjunction of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn,

which astronomers say occurred at this time. The light of these three planets, brought together in a close triangle, could easily have been interpreted as the heavenly sign. Such an event is said to come about only about once in 800 years.

**MADAVIUM**, last but one of the missing elements, has been discovered in France. It is number 87 in the periodic table, and its discoverer is Horia Hulubei. While its existence has been known for many years, it had thus far escaped scientific search. An instrument capable of detecting one part of a given element in 10,000,000,000 parts of substance was used, with which it is thought the last missing element, number 85, in the periodic table, will be found.

**PAINTINGS** which depict the trek of the Mormon Pioneers from Nauvoo to Salt Lake Valley in 1847 are being displayed in Chicago. They were painted by Lane K. Newberry, prominent Illinois artist, and are bringing much favourable publicity to himself and to the Church, in Chicago and other Illinois newspapers. Mr. Newberry made a special journey over the old route last summer recording on canvas the historic scenes in the series on exhibition. He gave a preview of the collection before the public showing, at which he told the story of his trip and described his paintings. Special guest was Gen. Charles G. Dawes, former vice-president of the United States, and at one time American Ambassador to the Court of St. James's in Britain.

**EXCESSIVE INDULGENCE** in the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages carries the imminent risk of impairment and even total loss of hearing, according to a view propounded by Dr. H. Marshall Taylor in addressing a recent convention of the American Otological Society and reported in *Think* magazine. "Although alcohol affects eyesight more frequently than hearing," he stated, "it destroys the latter with greater rapidity once its destructive work sets in."

## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### Release—

Elder P. M. Anderson Moyes was honourably released on Thursday, December 30th, to return to his home in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has laboured in Manchester, Liverpool and Scottish Districts, and in the Millennial Chorus.

### Doings in the Districts—

LONDON—London District Choir, under the direction of Dr. Ray M. Russell, presented the cantata "The Holy Child" by Adams, at Southwest London Branch Chapel on Sunday evening, December 19th. Over 100 people were in attendance. Sister Inez Cameron Russell sang the solo parts, and the choir of 35 voices included eight members of the Millennial Chorus. Organist was Sister Florence Mead, the violin accompaniment was provided by Sister Alice Bickerstaff and Elders D. Maxwell Butler and Lowell M. Durham.

President Hugh B. Brown was speaker for the evening, and the sacred atmosphere created by the choir added to the occasion.

Special speaker at Sunday evening services of North London Branch on Sunday, December 19th, was Dr. Henry Eyring, professor at Princeton University and president of the New Brunswick Branch in the Eastern States Mission. The services were conducted by Brother A. H. Wilmott, second counsellor in the branch presidency. Other speakers were Elders Glen H. Grimmett, Parry D. Sorensen, and Brother A. J. Wilmott.

A Christmas party was given by members of St. Albans Branch on Tuesday, December 21st, in the Branch Hall. After a special Christmas programme, conducted by Sister Elsie K. Osborn, the group enjoyed community singing, under the direction of Elder Glen H. Grimmett, and games led by Sister Nancy I. Jolliffe and Elder Max H. Duffin.

MANCHESTER—A grand bazaar and sale of work was given by members of Hyde Branch on Saturday, December 4th. The event was opened

by Alderman Aaren Haughton, and Mrs. A. Babbage acted as chairman. Various musical items were given on the programme, and the M.I.A. presented two plays. Proceeds from the occasion went to the building fund.

Approximately 150 people attended the two performances of the pantomime "Jonquillas Necklace" given by members of Oldham Branch Primary on Saturday, December 11th, and Thursday, December 16th. It was produced and directed by Sister Emma Wynn, with the assistance of Sister Janey Nelson and Brother George Wynn. Characters in the pantomime were portrayed by Primary children and teachers, and variety numbers were given during intervals. Sister Winnie Taylor is president of the Primary organization.

HULL—Primary children of Hull Branch enjoyed a Christmas party at Hull Branch Chapel on Saturday, December 18th. There were over 50 in attendance. After a banquet, games were played.

SCOTTISH—A farewell social was given by members of Glasgow Branch in honour of Supervising Elder A. Z. Richards, Jr., on Thursday, December 9th. A programme was enjoyed by over 70 people who attended, and tokens of appreciation were presented to Elder Richards in behalf of the Branch. Brother A. B. MacGowan was master of ceremonies and refreshments were served by the Relief Society.

Approximately 60 people were in attendance at the M.I.A. social held at Glasgow Branch hall on Tuesday, December 14th. It was under the direction of Brother William Scott, and Elder Richard S. Tanner conducted games and community singing. The programme included vocal items by Sisters Mina and Jessie Thomson and Elder Tanner, impersonations by Sister Gabriel MacConnell, and jokes by Brother James Gemmell. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

## LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

- Aberdeen:**  
Corn Exchange,  
Hadden Street,  
Off Market Street.
- Accrington:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Over 9, Church St.
- Airdrie:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
40, Hallcraig Street.
- Barnsley:**  
Arcade Buildings.
- Batley:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
13, Wellington Street.
- Belfast:**  
Arcade Buildings,  
122, Upper North St.
- Birmingham:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
23, Booth Street.  
Handsworth.  
Council Schools,  
Stratford Road,  
Sparkbrook.
- Blackburn:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
St. Peter's Street.
- Bolton:**  
Corporation  
Chambers.
- Bradford:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Woodlands Street,  
Off City Road.
- Brighton:**  
105, Queen's Road.
- Bristol:**  
Hannah More Hall,  
45, Park St., Clifton.
- Burnley:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
1, Liverpool Road,  
Rosegrove.
- Cardiff:**  
Enquire:  
98, Albany Road.
- Clayton:**  
Central Hall.
- Derby:**  
Unity Hall.
- Doncaster:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Trafford Street.
- Dublin:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
8, Merrion Row.
- Eastwood:**  
Library, Church St.
- Edinburgh:**  
Ruskin House,  
15, Windsor Street.
- Gainsborough:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Curtis Yard.
- Gateshead:**  
Westfield Hall,  
Westfield Terrace.
- Glasgow:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
4, Nelson Street.
- Gravesend:**  
Freeborn Hall,  
Peacock Street.
- Great Yarmouth:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
66a, South Quay.
- Grimsby:**  
Thriff Hall,  
Pasture Street.
- Halifax:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
35, Brinton Terrace,  
Off Hansen Lane.
- Hexham:**  
Deseret,  
Alexandra Terrace.
- Hucknall:**  
Byron Buildings.
- Hull:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Wellington Lane, and  
Berkeley Street.
- Hyde:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Reynold Street.
- Kidderminster:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Park Street.
- Leeds:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
5, Westfield Road.
- Leicester:**  
All Saints' Open,  
Great Central Street.
- Letchworth:**  
Vasanta Hall,  
Gernon Walk.
- Liverpool:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
301, Edge Lane.
- London:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
59, Clissold Rd., N.16.  
Ravenslea,  
149, Nightingale Lane,  
S.W.12.  
22, Doggett Road,  
S.E.6.
- Loughborough:**  
Adult School.
- Lowestoft:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
20, Clapham Road.
- Luton:**  
Dallow Road Hall,  
Corner of Dallow and  
Naseby Roads.
- Mansfield:**  
39a, Albert Street.
- Manchester:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
88, Clarendon Road.
- Merthyr Tydfil:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Penyard Road.
- Middlesbrough:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
188, Linthorpe Road.
- Nelson:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
10, Hibson Road.
- Northampton:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
89, St. Michael's Str.
- North Walsham:**  
Enquire:  
32, Norwich Road.
- Nottingham:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
8, Southwell Road.
- Norwich:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
60, Park Lane.
- Nuneaton:**  
Masonic Hall.
- Oldham:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Neville Street,
- Plymouth:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
34, Park Street,  
Tavistock Road.
- Pontllunfraith:**  
Enquire:  
81, Brynteg Street.
- Portsmouth:**  
Pimco Hall,  
Heidelberg Road,  
Southsea.
- Preston, Lancs:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
7, Lords Walk,  
Off North Road.
- Rawmarsh:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Main Street.
- Rochdale:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Lower Sheriff St.
- Sheffield:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
Corner of Ellesmere  
and Lyons Roads.
- Shildon:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
100, Main Street.
- Skelton:**  
Scott Rooms,  
Boosebeck Road,  
Skelton Green.
- South Shields:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
98, Fowler Street.
- St. Albans:**  
49, Spencer Street.
- Sunderland:**  
L. D. S. Chapel,  
18, Tunstall Road.
- Tipton - Wolverhampton:**  
L. D. S. Hall,  
Washington Building,  
Berry Street.
- Varteg:**  
Memorial Hall.
- West Hartlepool:**  
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